



DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH POLICY/PROCEDURE

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PURPOSE

- 1.1 To define eligibility criteria and procedures for authorization of selected out-of-county professionals to take persons into custody pursuant to Section 5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) for placement in Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) designated facilities in Los Angeles County (LAC).
- 1.2 To ensure discharge planning for detained clients appropriately uses resources in the county(ies) of initial LPS detention and residence.

DEFINITION

- 2.1 **The Lanterman-Petris-Short Act:** A part of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. It is covered under WIC Division 5, starting with Section 5000 and subsequent chapters and articles.
- 2.2 **Lanterman-Petris-Short Designated Facility:** An evaluation facility designated by the County and approved by the State Department of Health Care Services as a facility for 72-hour treatment and evaluation.
- 2.3 **Conditional Lanterman-Petris-Short Designation/Authorization:** An approval by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Director of an individual with current LPS designation in an approved Southern California County to initiate 5150 Application(s) for purposes of later placement in an LPS designated facility(ies) in LAC.

POLICY

- 3.1 The Director of LACDMH may conditionally designate/authorize a limited number of selected professionals designated and employed in other contiguous Southern California Counties to detain individuals in those counties pursuant to WIC Section 5150 for purposes of later placement in LPS designated facilities in LAC.



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The counties include Orange County, Riverside County, Santa Barbara County, Ventura County, San Bernardino County, and Kern County.

- 3.2 Selected professionals in Section 3.1 must already be LPS designated by another county (primary LPS designation).
- 3.3 Conditional LPS designation/authorization may be extended to professionals already LPS designated by a different county when such action serves the needs and priorities of LAC.
- 3.4 Candidates for conditional LPS designation/authorization include: a member of the attending staff, as defined by regulation, and designated by the county of primary LPS designation; a designated member of a mobile crisis team, as provided by WIC Section 5150(a); or other professional person designated by the county of primary LPS designation.

PROCEDURE

- 4.1 A request for conditional LPS designation/authorization is reviewed upon receipt of the following materials by the LACDMH LPS Designation Coordinator:
 - 4.1.1 Application for Conditional Authorized LPS Involuntary Detention with specific reason (Attachment 1).
 - 4.1.2 Verification of current LPS designation by an approved county (county of primary LPS designation), including date of expiration of LPS designation by county of primary LPS designation.
 - 4.1.2.1 An approved county of primary designation is one which adheres to the Policy 304.02 on Inter-County Transport of Involuntarily Detained Individuals, or some other suitable agreement that permits verification of primary LPS designation.
 - 4.1.3 Attestation for individuals directly authorized by primary county (Attachment 1 – Addendum).



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4.1.3.1 Application for Conditional Involuntary Detention Authorization by LACDMH for individuals directly LPS authorized by a mental health entity outside of LAC, and not an employee of that outside mental health entity, must be accompanied by verification by the requesting entity, that the individual meets one (1) of the following two (2) conditions:

- Condition 1: Meets all of the following criteria:
 - The individual is a licensed mental health professional in one of the following disciplines: psychiatrist; psychologist; social worker; marriage and family counselor; or registered nurse.
 - The individual has the mental health training generally recognized as indicating specialization in delivery of mental health services.
 - The individual's primary current work in this county necessitates: LPS authorization in order to safely and appropriately manage mental health emergencies.
 - The individual has had sufficient experience working in this capacity to competently assess and intervene in mental health emergencies.
- Condition 2: Meets all of the following criteria:
 - The individual does not meet all of the criteria in condition one.
 - Limited exception to LAC LPS conditional authorization requirements is requested.
 - The individual will exercise LAC conditional LPS authorization solely in a home county site for which there is no ability, due to distance or other barriers, to obtain timely mental health assessment or law enforcement assistance.
 - The specific setting and barrier(s) are described.

4.2 The LPS Designation Coordinator reviews application materials and makes a recommendation for action based upon the needs and priorities of LAC.



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- 4.3 Conditional LPS designation/authorization must be approved by the LACDMH Director, and approval may be conditional for specific LPS designated facilities in LAC.
- 4.4 Conditional LPS designation/authorization expires upon expiration date of LPS designation by county of primary LPS designation. A new application for conditional LPS designation/authorization must be submitted when LPS designation by county of primary LPS designation is renewed.
- 4.5 LACDMH LPS Designation Coordinator shall maintain a list of all conditionally designated/authorized individuals and their expiration dates by approved county.
- 4.6 Before an LPS designated hospital in LAC accepts transfers to the hospital of an individual detained pursuant to WIC Section 5150 in a different county, LPS designated hospital staff must:
- 4.6.1 Verify that the professional who detained the individual is conditionally LPS-designated/authorized by LAC, and that the individual remains currently LPS authorized in the county of primary LPS designation.
 - 4.6.2 Ensure that discharge planning appropriately uses resources in the county(ies) of initial LPS detention and residence.

AUTHORITY (HYPERLINKED)

1. [California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5150 et seq. and 5585.55 et seq.](#)
2. [California Code of Regulations Title 22 Section 71517\(a\)-\(h\)](#)

ATTACHMENT (HYPERLINKED)

1. [Attestation for Conditional Lanterman-Petris-Short Involuntary Detention Authorization](#)

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

LACDMH Office of the Medical Director